Head Quarter Inspector and also to the Camp Sub-Inspector. This is not done after my coming here. I stopped that practice.

The payment of salary to the Reserve Force.

144. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) why the salary of the Reserve Force is paid only much later than the payment of the other Policemen;

(b) when the salary of the Town Police for Vrischigam 1101 was disbursed;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) whether payments of such poor subordinates could not be made in all stations by the 2nd of the succeeding months?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) The salary of the Reserve Force is paid on the 2nd or 3rd of every month. Hence the statement is not correct.

(b) On the 19th of Dhanu.

(c) On account of the Christmas holidays.

(d) This is not possible.

The prohibition of motor traffic during the Trichur Pooram festival.

145. Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there were orders for the Policemen on duty at the Trichur Pooram festival to prohibit the use of motor vehicles through the 'Round', and if so, the authority who issued the order;

(b) whether anybody was exempted from the rule;

(c) whether the cars of the Police Commissioner and the Diwan Peishkar were allowed through the prohibited roads, and if so, the special reasons for same?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) The local Second Class Magistrate had issued orders that all *buses* should be stopped a furlong distant from the 'Round' during the Pooram festival.

(b) No.

(c) The question does not arise.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did this prohibition extend to cars also?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—The roads were too crowded for vehicles to pass during the Pooram day, and so this prohibition was extended to all sorts of conveyances.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—But the car of the Police Commissioner and the Diwan Peishkar actually passed through the road on the Round in contravention of the orders passed.

President.—Was there any breach of the circular?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I am not aware of it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I found the cars running.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Was the Commissioner inside the car?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—His people were inside the car. The Diwan Peishkar also was inside his car.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—My people might have gone, and not I. I won't break the law. But I am not responsible for the actions of others. If I were to go in the car, no rule can stop me. Perhaps, the car might have gone to see the Trichur Pooram. (*Laughter*).

President.—Did not the matter come to your notice?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No, Sir.

President.—If it had come to his notice, he would not have allowed it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This is an important matter. Even His Majesty's car was detained for 15 minutes in England, and that was advertised in the papers. Suppose there is a delivery case, and one wants to take a doctor in the car. Will not the car be given exemption to pass through?

President.—There may be exceptions here and there. Do you mean to say that rules should be rigidly observed, and that there should be no exceptions to the rules?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—If any one has applied to me for exemption, I would have readily given it.

President.—There cannot be any rule without exceptions.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The rule was deviated from by the Commissioner and the Diwan Peishkar.

President.—Did he not say openly that he should not be held responsible for the actions of others? Did you see the Diwan Peishkar in the car?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I saw him. Why did you not ask him why he broke the rule?

Appointment of the Reserve Inspector.

146. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

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